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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT ON GOTHENBURG REOPENING

1. IN VIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT'S DECISION TO REOPEN THE CONSULATE GENERAL AT GOTHENBURG DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT TO ISSUE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DECISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM PUBLIC RELATIONS BENEFIT DURING THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT.

2. "THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN GOTHENBURG (GOTEBORG), SWEDEN, WILL BE OPENED DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR WHICH ENDS SEPTEMBER 30, 1976. THE ACTION IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISH OF CONGRESS, EXPRESSED IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S 1976 AUTHORIZATION BILL (PL-94-141) WHICH STATES: IT IS THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT THE U.S. CONSULATE AT GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN, SHOULD BE REOPENED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE DATE OF ENACTMENT OF THIS ACT.

3. "AS SWEDEN'S SECOND LARGEST CITY, AND WITH THE BIGGEST PORT IN SCANDINAVIA, GOTHENBURG IS A MAJOR TRADE, SHIPPING AND CULTURAL CENTER. THE CONSULATE IN GOTHENBURG, OPENED IN 1797, WAS THE FIRST AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICE

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WAS CLOSED IN MARCH 1970 DUE TO BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS."

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